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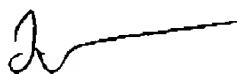
Status of the Claims

Applicant has amended the specification and claims to clarify certain portions thereof and to correct typographical errors.

In view of the amendments to this application, Applicant submits that all of the claims under consideration contain patentable subject matter and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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